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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA Historical Staff

FROM : NPIC Historical Officer

SUBJECT : CIA Historical Staff, Chronology 1946-65 (2 vol.)

1. I have just received the two subject volumes and have read selectively in them with more than a casual interest. As a result, many questions that I had about the accurate dating of world events affecting Center activities are now answered. Likewise a number of details concerning the naming of Agency components, their establishment or termination, and key figures associated with them are now available for future reference in a handy form.

2. As a result of this first perusal I find three events whose dating I believe I can prove incorrect. The first is the entry on page 51 of the subject work, volume I, which indicates that the PI division was established on 2 November 1952. Attachment I to this memo is evidence of the DCI's approval, on 4 August 1952, of the recommendation to establish a 'photo intelligence staff' within ORR. The phrasing is taken from the body of the AD/RR's staff study and the subject line of the covering memo, dated 17 July 1952. There can be no doubt, however, that it is the proposed 'Photo Intelligence Division' to which reference is made. Indeed, the staff study attachment diagraming the T/O is so captioned, as is the appropriate box on the 20 August 1952 ORR organization chart, a portion of which is included with this memo as Attachment 2.

3. The second date is the entry on page 53, volume I, which says, '1 May. DD/I [] replaced by Robert Amory, Jr.' Though it might be argued that this entry says only that Amory replaced [] on the Executive Committee on 1 May 1953, I think the implication is clear that he replaced [] as DD/I on 1 May 1953. At any rate, there is no other entry that seems to indicate when the latter took place, if not on 1 May. The Handbook for the Writing of DDI, DDS&T and DDS Histories, dated 5 January 1967, states on page 24 that Amory, the former AD/RR, was named DD/I on 23 February 1953.

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I believe this date is more likely the correct one. Attachment 3 to this memo is a copy of page 1, ORR Office Notice R17-53, dated 23 February 1953, indicating that as of that date, at least, [] who replaced Amory, was already the AD/RR. Moreover, the Progress Report for Geographic Area, ORR, for February 1953, page 6, mentions "The Staff Study prepared by the former Chief, Geographic Research . . ." [] was that former chief. February 1953 is likewise the month mentioned for the [] succession in [] second draft of The Office of Research and Reports, 1953-1958, page 6.

4. The third question is, perhaps, more technical in nature. On page 63, volume 2 of the subject work, it says that NPIC relocated at [] on 2 January 1963. The physical removal took place on 1 January 1963, New Year's Day. Several hundred NPIC employees, including the undersigned, remember this date well. Each person had his assigned post and duties, whether in the Steuart Building, [] or riding the moving trucks.

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Historical Officer
National Photographic Interpretation Center

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